

Memorandum

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To: ALL EMPLOYEES

Date: March 9, 2010

From: 
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California Department of Transportation

Subject: Deputy Directive 64-R1 Complete Streets Implementation Action Plan

I am pleased to share with you the Complete Streets Implementation Action Plan, a significant milestone in implementing Deputy Directive 64-R1 "Complete Streets -- Integrating the Transportation System." This set of actions, in combination with many other steps already taken or underway in the Department, will continue to transform Caltrans' practice to achieve a system that meets the needs of all users. It further demonstrates Caltrans' continued leadership and commitment to address the needs of California travelers of all ages and abilities.

This action plan will require the effort of many, if not all, employees. The projects and tasks included will take time and effort to effectively implement, particularly given extremely limited resources. But I am encouraged, and will continue to encourage each of you, to work together across programs and functions to find and implement each and every opportunity to put this directive and action plan into practice.

The attached action plan briefly explains Complete Streets, describes the management oversight and monitoring process to ensure implementation, and lists a variety of Division and District-led actions that we will pursue in the near term. I encourage you all to be familiar with not only the content of DD-64-R1 but with this action plan and the specific projects and tasks for your respective functional areas.

I want you to know this effort is not being done in isolation from either partners or policy. Implementing Complete Streets supports local agencies' efforts required by the California Complete Streets Act of 2008 (AB 1358). In addition, it supports the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, set out in the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) and Senate Bill 375, which further requires development of sustainable communities strategies. Lastly, it is expected that Complete Streets will be included in the next federal transportation reauthorization bill. Together, both Caltrans and our partners are working to address common goals and will be poised to respond to any new national direction.

Please join me in supporting this plan and playing an active role in implementation. You can find the document and other relevant information posted on the intranet as well as at http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/complete_streets.html. If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Chris Ratekin, Complete Streets Policy Implementation Project Manager, at (916) 653-4615.